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Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 17 May addressed to Jim in which you enclosed several birth certificates for our scrutiny. These are being returned to you with the following comments.

The birth certificates of the following men satisfactorily comply with the requirements of the Department of State for passport application:



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The certificate of naturalization on [redacted] is in perfect order and will be acceptable for applying for his passport.

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In the case of [redacted] he will need to apply for his passport under the name as recorded on his birth certificate and use no middle name.

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If the new birth certificate of [redacted] the correct spelling of first name, the certificate will be valid and acceptable.

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In the cases of [redacted], affidavits will be needed to substantiate names and dates of birth.

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In view of the fact that the birth certificate of [redacted] has a date of 30 August 1912 appearing in two places and is otherwise valid, the Passport Office will accept this date. It is our recommendation that the record of birth certificate be used for applying for his passport and not the affidavit of birth.

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It will be necessary, in the case of [redacted] for him to furnish an affidavit regarding the complete disposition of his old passport, i.e., date and place of issuance and the statement that it cannot be located at this time after a thorough search. In view of the fact that he cannot locate said passport, it will be necessary for him to furnish a birth affidavit to substantiate date of birth.

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Note is made that [redacted] has previously held a passport. He should take this with him when applying for his new one with the information of date and location where he applied for it.

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We look forward to receiving evidence of citizenship on [redacted] at the earliest possible date.

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On all these individuals, orders will be sent to you shortly for applying for their passports. It should be kept in mind that an individual applying must know his parents' dates and places of birth, and if either or both parents are naturalized citizens, date of naturalization and court.

It might be well to keep the following three prerequisites in mind when an individual submits birth evidence to you for use in applying for a passport:

1. The certificate must have a raised seal of the state in which it is recorded.
2. It must be filed with the state within six months of date of birth. When a certificate is filed later than six months from date of birth, it then becomes a delayed birth certificate and is not acceptable for obtaining a passport. It is then necessary for a birth affidavit to be presented for application for a passport.
3. The individual must apply under the name that appears on his birth certificate. If any part of his name, such as a middle initial, has been changed, it becomes necessary to procure an affidavit from one of the following sources: either one or both parents; an elder brother, sister, aunt or uncle or someone who has known individual for a period of years (10 or more) or from information taken from school or church records to substantiate changing of name.

This advance information has been a great help to us and we more than appreciate your cooperation along this line; please feel free to call upon us in regard to any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 19

Birth Certificates (18)

Certificate of Naturalization (1)

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